GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINES
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:2129
ANSWERED ON:12.03.2001
. AMENDMENT TO MINES AND MINERALS ACT
VSM (RETD.) COL. CHOUDHARY

Will the Minister of MINES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have received any proposal from Government of Rajasthant o further amend Mines and Minerals(Regulation and Development)Act, 1957 andt o give more powers t o State Government under the Act and Mineral Concession Rules,1960;

(b) if so, details thereof; and

(c) the decision taken by the Union Government thereof?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF MINES (SHRI JAYSINGRAO GAIKWAD PATIL)

(a) to (c): The Government had recently amended the Mines and Minerals(Development and Regulation)Act,1957 and notified the same vide Gazette Notification (Extraordinary) dated20.12.1999. Under the amended Act, State Governments have been delegated more powers, procedure for grant and renewal of mining lease/prospecting licence has been simplified and State Governments have been empowered to frame Rules for preventing illegal mining etc. Consequential amendments in Mineral Concession Rules,1960 have been notified in the Gazette of India vide notifications dated 18.1.2000, 25.9.2000 and 22.1.2001. Copies of these notifications have been laid on the Table of the House on 3.3.2000, 27.11.2000 and 26.2.2001 respectively.